



Figure 2. Tripod frame on deck of U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Cutter *Marcus Hannah*. The camera is mounted approximately 1.5 m above the sea floor. The strobe, mounted on the tripod frame, provides sidelight for the photographs. Other instrument cases on the frame house electronics and battery power for current, temperature, conductivity, light transmission, and pressure measurements. The frame is lowered to the sea floor on a line. The orange floats on the top of the tripod frame are released from the surface by an acoustic release and pull a recovery line to the surface.